

**641—30.6 (105) Continuing education exemptions.**

**30.6(1) *Automatic exemptions.*** A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement during the license biennium when that person:

- a.* Served honorably on active duty in the military service; or
- b.* Resided in another state or district having continuing education requirements for the discipline and met all requirements of that state or district for practice therein; or
- c.* Was a government employee working in the licensee's specialty and assigned to duty outside the United States; or
- d.* Was absent from the state but engaged in active practice under circumstances which are approved by the board.

**30.6(2) *Permissive exemptions.*** The board may, in cases involving exceptional hardship or extenuating circumstances, grant an exemption from some or all of the continuing education requirements.

*a.* A licensee seeking a permissive exemption shall apply to the board, in such form as the board may prescribe.

*b.* A licensee seeking a permissive exemption shall be required to provide all such documentary evidence as the board may request to establish the exceptional hardship or extenuating circumstances.

*c.* In the event of a claimed physical or mental disability or illness, the board may request information from a licensed health care professional who can attest to the existence of any such disability or illness.

*d.* A licensee who applies for a permissive exemption shall be notified in writing of the board's decision.

*e.* In granting an exemption, the board may impose any such additional conditions on the exemption including, but not limited to, the requirement that the licensee make up a portion of the continuing education requirements.

*f.* In lieu of granting a full or partial exemption, the board may grant the licensee an extension of time in which to complete the continuing education requirements.

*g.* The granting of an exemption shall not prohibit a licensee from seeking, or the board from granting, an exemption in a subsequent biennial continuing education compliance period(s).

*h.* Permissive exemptions shall only be granted in the most exceptional and extraordinary of circumstances.